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## **FIRST MIDTERM**

### **COMP-250: Introduction to Computer Science - Winter 2008**

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You are allowed one double sided cheat sheet.

There are 4 questions, for a total of 100 points. Please read all the questions first. Please make sure to **write your name** and ID number on the exam booklet!

Answer all questions on the exam booklet

**Good luck!**

1. [20 points] **Big-oh**

For each of the questions below, provide a true or false answer and explain your reason.

(a)  $1000000n + 10^{10} \in O(n)$

(b)  $2^{n+1} \in O(2^n)$ ?

(c)  $2^{2n} \in O(2^n)$ ?

(d)  $2^{\log_{10}(n)} \in O(n)$ ?

2. [30 points] **More Big-Oh**

For each of the pieces of pseudocode below, state what  $O(n)$  is.

(a) **Algorithm** f1( $n$ )

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 $i \leftarrow 1$   
while  $i < n$   
  print( $i$ )  
   $i \leftarrow i + 10$ 
```

(b) **Algorithm** f2( $n$ )

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 $i \leftarrow 1$   
while  $i < n$   
  print( $i$ )  
   $i \leftarrow i * 10$ 
```

(c) **Algorithm** f3( $n$ )

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 $i \leftarrow 1$   
while  $i < n$   
  print( $i$ )  
   $i \leftarrow i * 10 + 37$ 
```

(d) **Algorithm** f4( $n$ )

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 $i \leftarrow n$   
while  $i \neq 0$   
  print( $i$ )  
   $i \leftarrow i \bmod 10$ 
```

(e) **Algorithm** f5( $n$ )

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if  $n = 0$  return  
  print( $n$ )  
  f5( $n - 1$ )
```

(f) **Algorithm** f6( $n$ )

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if  $n = 0$  return  
  print( $n$ )  
  f5( $n/10$ )
```

(g) **Bonus 5 points**

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Algorithm f7( $n$ )  
if  $n = 0$  or  $n = 1$  return  
  print( $n$ )  
  f7( $n - 1$ )  
  f7( $n - 2$ )
```

3. [30 points] **Pseudocode**

Write the pseudocode for an algorithm which receives as input an array of positive integers  $a$  and a positive integer  $x$ . If there are two integers  $p$  and  $q$  in the array such that  $2p + q = x$ , the algorithm should return  $p$  and  $q$ . Otherwise it should return  $(-1, -1)$ . *Your algorithm should work in  $O(n \log n)$ .* Hint: you can call as subroutines any of the algorithms we discussed in class.

Example: CrazyFind( $\{2, 5, 1, 7\}$ , 9) should return (1, 7)

Example: CrazyFind( $\{2, 5, 1, 7\}$ , 100) should return (-1, -1)

**Algorithm** CrazyFind ( $a, n, x$ )

**Input:**  $a$  is an array of positive integers of size  $n$  and  $x$  is a positive integer

**Output:** A pair  $(p, q)$  of numbers from array  $a$  such that  $2p + q = x$ , if such a pair exists;  $(-1, -1)$  otherwise

4. [20 points] **Crazy sort**

Consider the sorting algorithm described by the following pseudocode:

Algorithm CrazySort ( $a, i, j$ )

**Input:** An array of integers  $a$  and indices  $i$  and  $j$  in the array

**Output:** The array  $a$  will be sorted

**if**  $i + 1 > j$  **then return**

**if**  $a[i] > a[j]$  **then** swap( $a[i], a[j]$ )

$k \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{j-i+1}{3} \rfloor$

CrazySort( $a, i, j - k$ ) //recursive call on the first two-thirds of the array

CrazySort( $a, i + k, j$ ) //recursive call on the last two-thirds of the array

CrazySort( $a, i, j - k$ ) // recursive call again on the first two-thirds of the array

The algorithm is called with: CrazySort( $a, 1, n$ )

where  $n$  is the length of the array.

- [10 points] Prove by induction that the algorithm is correct.
- [5 points] Write down a recurrence for the running time of the algorithm,  $T(n)$ . You may use a constant,  $C$ , to cover for all the  $O(1)$  operations.
- [5 points] What is  $O()$  for the algorithm? Hint: to justify this, you may need to use the fact that, for a constant  $k$ ,  $1 + k + k^2 + \dots + k^m = \frac{k^{m+1} - 1}{k - 1}$ .